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1. All sectors of the Colorado Party, including the Democolorados and the Guion Rojo, have united to support the candidacy of Felipe Molas Lopez for the Paraguayan presidency in the elections which Provisional President General Raimundo Rolon has called for 17 April 1949. Although party unity will not become official until the Colorado Party convention of 1 March, tentative agreement was reached by all elements of the party, including Molas Lopez, that should party leaders consider some other civilian candidate more likely to obtain support of the military, Molas Lopez would withdraw his candidacy. Thus, Rolon has been left with no civilian support.
2. The Colorados hope they have sufficient support in the army to prevent the military from taking action in favor of Rolon, but the key to the situation again centers around Lieutenant Colonel Adalberto Canata and the 1st Cavalry Division.

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